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### **San Diego business leader joins FPPC Aug. 11**

*Manpower executive Philip Blair is appointed to fill commission vacancy*

San Diego businessman Philip Blair – appointed by Gov. Gray Davis yesterday (July 29) to the five-member Fair Political Practices Commission – is the president and CEO of the third largest Manpower Temporary Services franchise in the United States, a business he and his partner have built into San Diego's fourth largest local employer.

The San Diego Manpower franchise, which Blair started 26 years ago with partner Mel Katz, has nine branches throughout the county, providing an estimated 4,000 jobs daily, with annual revenues of nearly \$100 million.

"We are delighted to have Mr. Blair on board," said FPPC Chair Liane Randolph. "His experience running a business will bring a fresh perspective to the Commission."

Blair, 53, is well-known in the San Diego area as a patron of the arts, serving on the boards of directors of numerous civic and arts organizations. Among his many board memberships, he serves on the boards of the Naval Training Center Foundation for the Arts and Culture, the San Diego County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the San Diego Lincoln Club, the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross and the College of Business Advisory Board for San Diego State University.

He is also a past president of the Children's Hospital, YMCA of San Diego County, the San Diego Workforce Partnership, the regional School-to-Career Task Force, the San Diego Community Foundation and Planned Parenthood for San Diego and Riverside Counties. Blair was instrumental on the board of the San Diego Symphony in bringing the organization out of bankruptcy.

The former host of "Careerline" on KSDO Radio and "Careers of the Future," a children's advice show on Radio Disney, he is the author of numerous columns and articles in the *San Diego Business Journal* and *San Diego Metropolitan Magazine*.

He was appointed to the San Diego City Council in September 2000, to complete the last three months of a vacated term.

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A native of Great Bend, Kansas, Blair is a 1971 graduate of Oklahoma State University, with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He and his wife Catherine are the parents of two grown sons, Trevor who lives in Sydney, Australia, and Peter in Chicago, Ill.

A Republican, Blair was appointed to a four-year term. He succeeds Gordana Swanson, a former mayor of the city of Rolling Hills in southern California, who was appointed to the FPPC by the governor in 1999, and whose term expired last Jan. 31. Blair will join the commission Aug. 11 when the FPPC holds its next monthly meeting in Sacramento.

He is one of four part-time commissioners who serve without salary and are compensated \$100 for each monthly meeting. Only the chair is full-time and salaried. The governor makes two appointments to the commission, including the chair, and his second appointment must be a person from a political party other than his own. The other three part-time commissioners are appointed to four-year terms by the state Attorney General, the Controller and the Secretary of State. More information on the commissioners is available on the website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

**Note to editors:** Please contact the FPPC press office at 916-322-7761 for further information. A photograph of Blair is available on request.

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